

THE PIGEON POST

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Call To Arms! Your Convention Needs You!

Loncon is one of the largest, most complex, volunteer-run events in the world. Nobody is being paid to be here this weekend and the sheer volume of people on site means we need more help for it to run smoothly. Even an hour could make a huge difference.

If you can help, please visit the **Volunteers Desk** at the back of the **Fan Village**. **Thank you!**

Accessibility

Access has become aware of several incidents involving mobility scooters that resulted in injuries to people and damage to property. We'd like to request the following:

- ♦ **Please use the Scooter-Friendly Access Lifts**, which are located on Level 0 just inside the Fan Village, on Level 1 at the door near the Exhibit Hall, and on Level 3 at the west end of the corridor behind the grating screen. We're asking this because we've discovered that the main passenger lifts (the ones that come out near the Access desk on Level 0) are unsafe for scooters; the doors are narrow and close very quickly, and several people have been caught in them.
- ♦ **Please drive at a safe (that is, slow) speed.** Several crashes have happened because people were driving too fast.

Even if you are a very experienced scooter user, we would ask that you set a good example for people who are not.

Poster Comp Winners

The winner of the Harry and Joan Harrison memorial poster prize for the poster that best communicates with a lay audience is Liam Brierley for his

poster *Where do new, potentially deadly viruses come from?* He receives a prize of £50 and an uncorrected proof of Harry Harrison's memoirs. Honourable mentions and a cash prize of £25 go to Mathew Hall for his poster *Tracking epidemics using genome sequences* and Ursula Arndt for her poster *Investigating ancient people and environments using 21st century technology.*

Green Room Confusion

Programme items on the Green are in the Fan Village. The Green Room, on Level 2 of the Capital Suite, is for programme participants only.

Stroll With The Stars

Meet at 9am on Sunday morning, in front of the Aloft, to Stroll with John Clute, Cory Doctorow, Farah Mendlesohn, Joe Haldeman, Gay Haldeman, Elizabeth Hand, Tricia Sullivan and Jonathan Strahan, all led by Judith Clute.

All The News From DC

Tonight's DC17 2017 Worldcon Bid party theme is *Explore the Library of Congress!* Please join us around 8pm for refreshments and conversation.

If you have any questions about visiting Washington DC or the Marriott Wardman Park, the site for the DC17 2017 Worldcon bid then visit the DC17 tent in the

Capital Hall and chat with Tabitha, our representative from Destination DC, the Washington DC convention and visitors bureau.

Tabitha is also running a *Truth is Stranger than Science Fiction* contest with prizes ranging up to a free two-night stay at the Marriott Wardman Park.

The winners of Thursday's DC17 contest are Annabel van Toorn, Johan Flaton, and Ron Oakes. Please stop by the DC17 tent to pick up your prizes.

Past Title Ribbons

Ribbons for past titles (such as past Hugo winners and fan fund delegates) can be found in Programme Ops.

In Memoriam

Sadly, the community has lost the following members since the Souvenir Book went to press:

Ken Brown, Fan; Roger K. Clendening II, Fan; Mike Farren, Fan; Nancy Garden, Author; R. A. "Bob" Hoffman, Fan; Susan Kahn, Fan; Daniel Keyes, Author, Hugo Award Winner; Jay Lake, Author; Page E. Lewis, Fan; Arlene Martel, Actress; William C. Martin, Fan; Peter Ruber, Publisher; Mary Stewart, Author; Marianne Sydow, Fan, Author; Patrick Woodroffe, Artist.

Loncon App Stats

As of mid-day Friday we had 3,400 unique devices using the Loncon Grenadine mobile apps. This probably translates to around 3,200 unique users since some have loaded the app onto multiple devices.

Programme Updates

Gray Tinehart and Val Ontel have been added to *Reluctant, or Just Not Interested* Sunday 11am, CS15.

Microwave Madness on the Green, Sunday noon is cancelled, instead they will build as big a Scalextric track as possible. Same time and place.

There will be no Monday 10am Kaffeeklatsch with Jonathan Green. A reading with Trudy Myers is taking place on Monday at 1pm, LS1.

Parties

In the Fan Village this evening, we have our regularly scheduled parties from **DC in 2017 and Helsinki in 2017**.

We're also welcoming **Sasquan** (the 2015 Worldcon), **Montreal in 2017** (It's Saturday, join us for Hockey night!) and **Dublin in 2019** into the Village. Also watch out for the **Sime~Gen Zeor Day Celebration** from 9pm, right of the entrance.

In the London Suite, you can find **BarFleet**.

Parties will stop serving at 2am, and throw you out at 2:30am. The last DLR to London is at 00:42am.

If you're taking a taxi to your hotel, remember that only black cabs can take un-booked jobs on the street or on the rank outside ExCel: an unbooked mini-cab is just a stranger's car.

Language Lessons: Chinese

The second in our informative series of handy phrases from convention bid countries. Do go and greet the Chinese representatives in the fan village with the following:

Live long and prosper — Sheng Sheng Bu Xi, Fan Rong Chang Sheng — 生生不息，繁荣昌盛

Winter is coming — Lin Dong Jiang Zh — 凛冬将至

Don't panic — Bu Yao Kong Huang — 不要恐慌

Please may I have your autograph? — Ke Yi Gei Wo Qian Ge Ming Ma? — 可以给我签个名吗?

This is my favorite book/movie. I have read/watched it for dozens of times! — Zhe Shi Wo Zui Xi Huan De Shu/Dian Ying, Wo Du Le/ Kan Le Hao Duo Bian! — 这是我最喜欢的书/电影，我读了/看了好多遍！

I see you strange bones, one in a million. This secret book of martial arts belongs to you for free! — Wo Kan Ni Jin Gu Qi Te, Wan Zhong Wu Yi, Zhe Ben Wu Lin Mi Ji Jiu Song Ni Le! — 我看你筋骨奇特，万中无一，这本武林秘籍就送给你了！

Would you like a copy of my fazine? — Xiang Mai Yi Ben Wo De Za Zhi Ma? — 想买一本我的杂志吗?

Loncon Poems

Tori Truslow spent Friday at Loncon writing 50 poems on found materials from around the con, to raise money for Refuge. Her Just Giving page is at www.justgiving.com/Tori-Truslow/, if you would like to contribute to her fundraising efforts. Some examples are on Twitter: @toritruslow.

Sherlock Fans

There's a Sherlock walking tour from 10am to 1pm on Sunday, £8 per person: if you'd like to join in with it please tell dexxphoenix@yahoo.com.

Economics And SF Social Media Group

In the *Economics and Class in Science Fiction* discussion a suggestion was made to create a social media space for further discussion on economics in science fiction. This space is now

up and running on Facebook under the group Economic Systems of Speculative and Science Fiction, and anyone who is interested in joining the discussion is welcome.

Tai Chi on the Green

Join in with the Tai Chi session, tomorrow morning at 10am on the Green. Suitable for all, whatever your physical condition.

Message Boards

If you want to leave a message for other members of the convention, you can put it on the blue display boards at the front of the Fan Village.

Lightbulb Moment

Anyone who was at the Electronics & Illumination item yesterday, and is due a battery for their kit, can pick one up from the Info Desk.

This issue was produced by Ang Rosin, with help from Jan van 't Ent and Flick. Masthead by Jeanne Gomoll. Today is Honey Bee Day. If you get Flick at the wrong time, she'll tell you more than you ever wanted to know about neonicotinoids, and then you'll be sorry.